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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: K. OHTSUKA, et al.

Application No.: TBD

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For: METHOD FOR CLARIFYING EXHAUST GAS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 7, 2004

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to calculation of the filing fee, as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the Claims; and

Remarks are included following the amendments.